President Calderon Meets with U.S. Ambassador and Colorado Governor

Mexico City, March 27, 2012 – U.S Ambassador Anthony Wayne today accompanied Colorado State Governor John Hickenlooper during a courtesy call with President Felipe Calderon at Los Pinos in which they discussed important connections between Colorado and Mexico.

"Mexico is an important economic development partner for Colorado, especially when it comes to agri-business and high-tech business," Governor Hickenlooper said. "We are honored to have the opportunity to meet with President Calderon and build relationships that will enhance future trade and tourism between the U.S. and Mexico."

Ambassador Wayne congratulated President Calderon on the successful visit to Mexico by Pope Benedict, and looked forward to a successful North American Leaders Summit (NALS) meeting of President Calderon, Canadian Prime Minister Harper, and President Obama to take place next Monday, April 2, in Washington.

"The United States and Mexico continue to develop our very close relationship," Ambassador Wayne said. "Communication at the highest levels contributes to our shared strengths, just as our significant economic ties contribute to opportunities on both sides of the border. This Colorado trade mission is yet another example of the U.S. private sector's recognition of the enormous potential to build on Mexico's already strong position as a global economic partner."

Governor Hickenlooper is leading a 40-member U.S. trade delegation focused on agriculture, tourism, and energy issues. The Governor met with other federal officials while in Mexico, including from the Economic and Agricultural Ministries and the Federal Electricity Commission. He also met with the head of government for the Distrito Federal, Marcelo Ebrard, and received distinguished guest recognition from Mr. Ebrard. Ambassador Wayne hosted a reception for the Governor and his delegation with Mexican officials and businessmen on March 26th.

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